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Mr. Ray Plienness  
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Office of Legacy Management  
U.S. Department of Energy  
11025 Dover Street, Suite 1000  
Westminster, Colorado 80021

Re: Final Uranium Leasing Program Programmatic  
Environmental Impact Statement CEQ #20140088

Dear Mr. Plienness:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8 has reviewed the Final Uranium Leasing Program Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) prepared by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Our comments are provided for your consideration pursuant to our responsibilities and authority under Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. Section 4332(2)(C), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 7609. Section 309 of the Clean Air Act directs the EPA to review and comment in writing on the environmental impacts of any major federal agency action.

The EPA Region 8 provided comments on the Draft PEIS on June 21, 2013 and rated the Draft SEIS EC-2 (environmental concerns – insufficient information). Over the past few months DOE diligently worked to provide additional information and make changes to address our concerns. We recognize and appreciate the revisions made in the Final PEIS in this regard. As a result, we have no comments on the Final PEIS.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss our comments, please contact me at (303) 312-6704 or Vanessa Hinkle, of my staff, at (303) 312-6561 or email at [hinkle.vanessa@epa.gov](mailto:hinkle.vanessa@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. S. Strobel", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Philip S. Strobel  
Acting Director, NEPA Compliance and Review Program  
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